

CLAIMS

1. A method of generating a list of target devices to be configured in communication with a server, comprising:
 - 5 creating a first list of target devices to be configured;
 - identifying at least one addressed target device having an associated network address;
 - 10 modifying the first list of target devices using the addressed target device;
 - and
 - 15 generating a modified list of target devices to be configured.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the addressed target device is listed in at least one information source.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - 20 adding the associated network address of the addressed target device to the first list of target devices.
4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - 25 adding the addressed target device having an associated network address to the first list of target devices.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - removing the addressed target device having an associated network address from the first list of target devices.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
pre-configuring at least one preconfigured target device.
7. The method of claim 6 further comprising:
5 adding the preconfigured target device to the first list.
8. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining if a target device has an associated network address; and
removing the target device from the modified list of target devices if it does
10 not have an associated network address.
9. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing the modified list to the server.
10. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
15 configuring the target devices on the modified list.
11. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
examining packet data to determine if a target device has an associated
20 network address.
12. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
examining log data to determine if a target device has an associated
network address.

13. Computer program product in a computer usable medium for generating a list of target devices to be configured in communication with a server, comprising:
means for creating a first list of target devices to be configured;
means for identifying with an identification at least one addressed target
5 device having an associated network address;
means for modifying the first list of target devices using the addressed target device; and
means for generating a modified list of target devices to be configured.

10 14. The program of claim 13 further comprising:
means for storing the identification of the addressed target device.

15 15. The program of claim 13 further comprising:
means for adding the associated network address of the addressed target
device to the first list of target devices.

20 16. The program of claim 13 further comprising:
means for adding the addressed target device having an associated
network address to the first list of target devices.

25 17. The program of claim 13 further comprising:
means for removing the addressed target device having an associated
network address from the first list of target devices.

18. The program of claim 13 further comprising:
means for preconfiguring at least one target device listed in the first list.

19. The program of claim 13 further comprising:

means for removing a target device without an associated network address from the modified list of target devices.

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20. The program of claim 13 further comprising:

means for configuring the target devices listed in the modified list.

21. The program of claim 13 further comprising:

10 means for examining packet data to determine if a target device has an associated network address.

22. The program of claim 13 further comprising:

means for examining log data to determine if a target device has an

15 associated network address.

23. A data processing system comprising:

means for creating a first list of target devices to be configured;

means for identifying at least one addressed target device having an

20 associated network address;

means for comparing the addressed target device to the target devices on the first list; and

means for generating a modified list of target devices to be configured based on the addressed target device.

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24. The system of claim 23, further comprising:

means for storing information about the addressed target device.

25. The system of claim 23 further comprising:
means for configuring at least one target device.

26. The system of claim 23 further comprising:
means for determining if a target device has an associated network
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